(*d*) Yes, for most of the shops. The highest amount offered by them are given below:—

		Rs.
212	..	18,420
213	..	15,950
214	..	3,710
217	..	2,750
218	..	13,420
219	There was no other bidder.	
220	..	4,960
221	There was no other bidder.	
222	Do. do.	
237	..	4,160
240	There was no other bidder.	
248	..	2,360
254	..	2,220
256	..	1,510
258	..	4,730
269	..	2,010

GODOWN FOR STORAGE OF COCOANUT GOODS.

13. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Adverting to question No. 29 dated 30th November 1937 regarding the starting of a godown at Mattancheri for storing cocoanut goods, will the Government be pleased to inform the House as to how further they have advanced with the project?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The matter is under consideration of the Government. A sum of Rs. 3,500 has been provided in the budget for 1114 for the purpose.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: What is the godown meant for?

Mr. A Sivarama Menon: A godown is meant for storing (*Laughter*).

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: What are you going to do with the cocoanuts stored in it?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: They are meant for sale (*Loud laughter*)

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Is it under the auspices of any Co-operative Society that the nuts will be stored?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The idea is to offer facilities to those who want to take advantage of this godown for storing their products.

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Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: Am I to understand that there no godowns in Mattancheri?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are godowns there. But that does not stand in the way of constructing new godowns.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Will the sum of Rs. 3,500 provided now be sufficient for the construction of the godown?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We start with Rs. 3,500. If more funds are required, the question will be considered.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: What exactly is that the Government propose to do with Rs. 3,500?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: It will start constructing the godown.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: Laying the foundation only?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are plans and estimates for the godown and the work will be executed according to them. Funds are now provided for the year 1114.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder: Will that be a rat-proof godown?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I suppose that all the details cannot be considered at present. The answer is that a sum of Rs. 3,500 has been provided in the budget for 1114 for the purpose.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: What is the estimated amount?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice for the details.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan: Will the godown be under Government management or will they entrust it to somebody?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice for the details.

Dr. A. R. Menon: Will the godown be under control of Government or will it be under some private agency under Government control?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice. All the information I cannot give now off-hand. The question of management is incidental. I may assure the hon'ble member that proper provision will be made to see that there is proper management.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: This is a matter, which was, I think, referred to the Director of Industries. The Government answered this question some-time back.

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The previous reference is in the question itself and then the answer was the matter was receiving attention.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: If that is the case, may I know, what the Director of Industries has reported about this godown affair?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: His report is not now before me.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: If it is a confidential document, I do not want to know the details. I want to know what you are going to do with a godown worth Rs. 3,500. You would have at least looked into the idea underlying the scheme before spending the money. We are entitled to know that matter.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I can only say now that a godown is a godown and that is meant for stocking goods.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: The Government is going to construct a godown at Mattancheri. Is it to be let for storing goods? That is what we want to know.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: There are several matters that are under consideration of Government with regard to these details. But I may assure the hon'ble member that the godown will be put to proper use. (*Laughter*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Have the Government not considered all the details at the time they estimated for the godown? It has been stated here that the report of the Director of Industries could not be published yet and you do not know for what use these Rs. 3,500 are going to be spent?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not want to conceal from the House any useful information. If you will permit, Sir, I will issue a statement later on about the godown. I will publish the statement giving details about the points raised by the hon'ble members and that will be more useful, because I have not now got the complete file before me.

Mr. T. K. Nayar: I request the Hon'ble Minister not to misunderstand us. We wanted to bring these ideas to the notice of the Government. That is all.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I would assure the House that I consider the questions that were put now, to be really helpful.

PARIYARAM CHURCH ROAD—MAINTENANCE OF.

14. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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